

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-15, and 17-18 are pending in this application. Claims 5, 11, and 17 are currently amended. For at least the reasons stated below, Applicant asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance.

SPECIFICATION

The specification has been objected to for not clearly providing support for the claims of the invention. Applicant is currently working to comply with this objection, but, because of the size of the endeavor, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be held in abeyance until Applicant has had the opportunity to amend the specification in accordance with this requirement.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5, 11, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner indicates that the dependency of claims 5, 11, and 17 must be changed. In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 5, 11, and 17 now have proper dependency. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-15, and 18 are allowed. In addition, since the only rejection against claims 5, 11, and 17 has been removed, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-15, and 17-18 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (612) 607-7386.

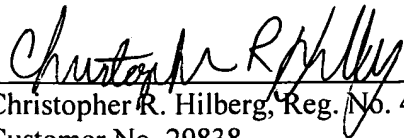
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If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees including fees for any extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 (Reference 60021-326501).

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